



**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Hidekazu KOJIMA et al.

Application No.: 09/423,461

Filed: November 30, 1999

For: OPTICAL FIBER FUSION-SPLICER (AS AMENDED)

Group Art Unit: 2613

Examiner: S. An

Docket No.: 104651

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the August 2, 2005, Office Action, and the November 14, 2005, Advisory Action, the shortened statutory period for response being effectively extended to January 3, 2006 by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please consider the following:

**Amendments to the Specification;**

**Amendments to the Claims** as reflected in the listing of claims; and

**Remarks.**